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Honorable Bella S. Abzug, Chairwoman
Subcommittee on Government Information and
Individual Rights
Committee on Government Operations
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

8 OCT 1976

Dear Madam Chairwoman:

STAT This is in regard to your letter of September 20, 1976 requesting an explanation of a report to you that earlier this year an individual who identified himself as an employee of the Central Intelligence Agency visited the University of Syracuse Library, and requested certain information on

A careful check of appropriate Agency offices failed to reveal any information indicating that an Agency representative visited the University of Syracuse Library requesting information as related in your letter. Nor is there any indication that such a visit would have been made to any other American library. It is clear that this individual was not an employee of this Agency. Such impersonation of a Federal officer is a criminal offense. Accordingly, we are referring your letter to the Department of Justice for such action as they deem necessary.

We appreciate your bringing this matter to our attention. Since there is no indication that the Agency has ever been involved in the type of incident you described, we have not addressed ourselves to the other information requested in your letter.

Sincerely,

/s/ George Bush

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Honorable George Bush
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Bush:

As you know, this Subcommittee is concerned with the privacy and individual rights of American citizens.

STAT It has come to my attention that earlier this year an unsolicited visit was paid to the office of Mr. Max Willocks, then Assistant Director of Services for the University of Syracuse Library, in Syracuse, New York, by an individual identifying himself as an employee of the Central Intelligence Agency. After presenting his credentials to Mr. Willocks, the man announced that the purpose of his visit was to determine what library books a resident of Syracuse, [REDACTED], had been using. According to Mr. Willocks, the agent became quite irate when Willocks refused to provide the information.

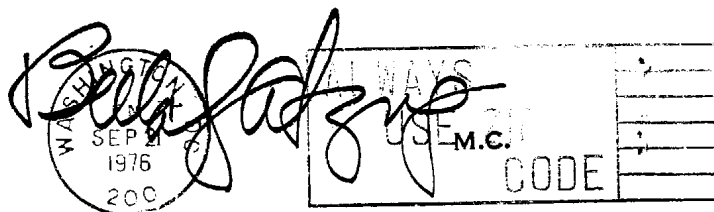
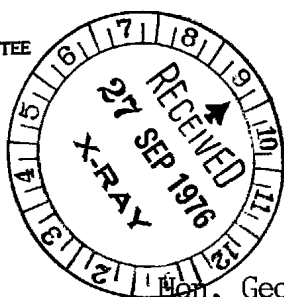
I request that the Subcommittee be provided a detailed explanation as to why, and pursuant to what statutory authority, a librarian was questioned about the use of books and library materials by [REDACTED]. I also request that you provide: (1) an explanation of Agency policy with regard to the questioning by CIA employees of American libraries regarding the reading habits of their users; and (2) a detailed summary of all other occasions in which employees, agents or representatives of the Central Intelligence Agency have made similar requests of American libraries within the last four years, including the circumstances underlying each of these inquiries, and the statutory authority claimed for such inquiries when made within the United States.

STAT If you have any difficulty supplying this information prior to October 4, 1976, or have any questions, please contact Mr. Robert Fink, professional staff member, at 225-3741.

Sincerely,

Bella S. Abzug EM
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Legislative Counsel

ATTENTION :

FROM :

Acting Deputy Director of Security
Personnel Security and Investigations

SUBJECT : Congressional Inquiry

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STAT This will confirm my recent telephonic advisory concerning the inquiry from Chairwoman Bella Abzug. The inquiry had concerned itself with an alleged contact with the Assistant Director of Services for the University of Syracuse Library, Syracuse, New York, by an individual identifying himself as an employee of this Agency. Please be advised that contact with the Office of Security [redacted] has confirmed that he has never had any contact with Mr. Max Willocks, Assistant Director of the Library, and therefore was in no way connected with the alleged incident.

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NOTES I checked with all possible offices concerning this allegation and there is no information indicating that an Agency representative was in any way involved. Since this is a clear case of misrepresentation, we should notify the Department of Justice. If we don't, we give the impression that we are indifferent to such incidents which of course we are not.									
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